Shirley Jean Vachon

Shirley Jean Vachon, 84, of Delaware, Ohio, died peacefully Monday, Dec. 10, 2018, in Worthington, Ohio, with Heartland Hospice.

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She was born Sept. 23, 1934, in Elkhart, Ind., to the late Dale Fremont Sr. and Ebba Evelyn (Erickson) Longacre. When she was a young girl, her family moved to Benton Harbor. There she spent many of her days on the shores of Lake Michigan; she loved the lake and the St. Joseph lighthouse. It was while playing on the beach that she met a handsome lifeguard who became the love of her life, Loren Joseph Vachon. They were happily married for 56 years.

Shirley graduated from Benton Harbor High School in 1953 and attended Lake Shore Junior College. Her life's work was lovingly caring for her husband and three children, and her little poodles.

She leaves a legacy of love for her family as a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She will be remembered for her lessons on how to live a good life, finding purpose in family, home and church, and joy in the simple things – such as her homemade Christmas cookies, which will be especially missed in the coming weeks.

She was a devout and lifelong member of the Lutheran church, most recently St. Mark's Church in Delaware.

Those left to cherish her memory include children: Robin (Robert) Vachon-Kraut of Columbus, Ohio, Mark (Lisa) Vachon of Columbus and Lisa (Scott) Early of Delaware; seven grandchildren: Ian (Lindsay) Kraut and Emily Kraut, Lindsay and Matthieu Vachon, Rian and Aron Early and Josh (Tabbi) Early; great grandchildren, Levi James Kraut and Mila June Kraut; sisters: Marlene (Richard) Shalon, Sandi (Michael) Hettig and Diane Ruth of St. Joseph; brother, Dale (Kay) of Galien; Laurie (Rod) Mayes; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Loren Joseph Vachon; sister, Joanne McGrath; and brothers, David and Roger Longacre.

Friends may call 6-8 p.m. Friday at the Snyder-Rodman Funeral Center, 101 Valleyside Drive at W. William St., Delaware, OH 43015. Graveside services will be observed privately by her family on Saturday at Oak Grove Cemetery with the Rev. Jennell Rue officiating.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 28 E. William St., Delaware, OH 43015.

Condolences may be expressed at www.snyderfuneralhomes.com.